

Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 24, 2016
One Twin Pines Lane, City Council Chambers, Belmont, CA

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Hurt, Stone, Lieberman, Kim, Reed

Councilmembers Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by City Clerk Cook.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation Honoring Jim Liggett, Carlmont High School Coach

Mayor Reed noted that Coach Liggett was not in attendance to receive the proclamation because his team is still involved in playoff games.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Birgit Mirian, Belmont resident, commented regarding parking regulations as they relate to upcoming zoning changes. She expressed concerns that expansion of homes will result in more vehicles.

Celeste Hsu, San Carlos resident, spoke regarding the closure of Belmont Iceland and its effect on her skating career.

Melissa Lukin, Silicon Valley Ice Skating Association, provided an update regarding efforts to replace the ice rink facility in Belmont.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Kim commented regarding the recent Public Works Open House.

Councilmember Lieberman also commended the Public Works Department for hosting the Open House. He noted that the National Night Out committee had recently met. Discussion ensued regarding the desire to grow the event to more locations.

Councilmember Stone announced upcoming events for the senior community.

Councilmember Hurt described the upcoming Wine Walk at Carlmont Shopping Center. She also commented regarding the Public Works Open House and the Nesbit School Robotics program. She announced the American Public Works Association Award that was given to the City of Belmont for the recent pavement reconstruction project.

Mayor Reed noted that the San Mateo County Elections Office is still in need of election workers.

COMMENTS REGARDING CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Lieberman commented regarding the item related to the Old County Road Pedestrian/Bicycle Project. He noted that bids came in higher than the original authority. He requested additional bid information in staff report if a project comes back to the City Council for additional authority. Councilmember Hurt concurred, and expressed concerns regarding the current bidding environment.

In response, Public Works Director Oskoui noted that the market is changing due to an increase in construction activity and the limits on the ability for contractors to bond for projects. He pointed out that the recent Ralston Avenue project had no bidders.

Councilmember Hurt described her participation in the recent Bike to Work day. She noted that the Old County Road project will provide improvements for the biking community.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2016-056 authorizing the procurement of enterprise resource planning consulting services on an as needed basis from FMT Consultants

Resolution 2016-057 approving award of a construction contract to J. J. R. Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$474,480 with an additional 10% contingency for the Old County Road Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvement Project, City Contract Number 2016-542

Resolution 2016-058 approving pay scale for Recreation Temporary/Casual job classifications

Ordinance 2016-1104 amending the Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) for the Planned Unit Development related to Autobahn Motors Dealership

Resolution 2016-059 authorizing the acquisition of a Public Works Van for a total amount not to exceed \$30,000

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Stone, seconded by Councilmember Hurt, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation from Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) Agency

Kirsten Pringle, Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), provided an update on the Clean Energy Project which will launch in July of 2016, which focuses on the use of renewable energy in San Mateo County.

Discussion ensued regarding the impact on existing solar customers. Councilmember Stone indicated that it is likely that solar customers will benefit financially better under the PCE program.

Discussion also ensued regarding fees for opting out of the program.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmember Stone indicated that he attended a recent Belmont-Redwood Shores School board meeting to discuss teacher housing. He noted that the budget was approved at the recent Library Joint Powers Authority Board meeting, approved budget. He also provided statistics regarding use within the system, and demonstrated the new branding that was recently launched. He attended a SBWMA (South Bayside Waste Management Authority) closed session regarding the new executive director. He also attended the recent NDNU (Notre Dame de Namur) thinker series, which featured author Amy Tan. He also attended a HEART (Housing Endowment and Regional Trust) Donor Recognition event, as well as the Community Shield Event, featuring the Hazmat Team/SWAT Team.

Councilmember Hurt noted that the hazmat budget was approved and an update on the hazard mitigation program at the recent San Mateo County Office of Emergency Services Council meeting.

Councilmember Lieberman provided a brief update on the Ice Skating subcommittee as well as the Silicon Valley Clean Water agency. He noted that the Advanced Life Support Joint Powers Authority adopted its budget at a recent meeting.

Councilmember Kim described the recent HEART annual event, and provided an update on the new Executive Director. Discussion ensued regarding the City of Belmont's delegates to HEART's Member Agency Committee as outlined in the Council Protocols. Council concurred to revise that so that Councilmember Kim is the delegate with Mayor Reed being the alternate.

Mayor Reed noted that he gave his State of the City address to the Belmont Rotary Club. He reported on Senior Advisory activities and noted the upcoming Pizza with Police at the Senior Center.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles described some customer improvements that are being considered at the permit center as a result of discussions at the February Priority setting workshop. Community Development is reviewing procedures and work space in the permit center. He also commented regarding the public works open house.

MATTERS OF COUNCIL INTEREST/CLARIFICATION

Councilmember Hurt requested consideration for addressing neighborhood parking as discussed at the Priority workshop. Mayor Reed suggested that the City Council first address parking relative to single family home renovation before considering other parking issues.

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:50 p.m.

Terri Cook
City Clerk